

STATE OF NEVADA



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Commission on Minority Affairs was held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 9:35am, pursuant to public notice: Via video conference call between all locations :(Las Vegas). State Building LV 555 E. Washington Suite 4900 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, and (Carson City) Nevada Dept of Business & Industry 1830 College Pkwy Ste# 100 Carson City, NV 89706 Conference call: Carson City: 775-687-0999 Las Vegas: 702-486-5260 Participant's Collaboration Code: 64575

1. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Chair Commissioner Siefert called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

B. Present: C. Siefert (present); C. Cedric Cole (present); C. Chadha (present); C. Lee (present); C. Kari Emm (Telephone); C. Semilla Neal (Telephone) Also Miriam Lira-Hickerson, Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities-Department of B&I. (present). New Deputy Director of B&I Marcel Schaerer (present).

B.1. Public Attendance: Mary Simmons –candidate to be member of NMCA2016- (present) Ken Evans President Urban Chamber of Commerce (present).

C. Commissioners Absent: N/A Only 6 Commissioners- all attended- 3 vacancy-

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

- A. Approval of October 19, 2015, meeting minutes (for discussion and possible action). Moved by C. Lee, seconded by C. Cole. Motion carried.
- B. Commission vacancy positions: Ombudsman Hickerson to provide update regarding decision from the Legislative Commission (for follow-up, no action necessary). Legislative Commission will have a meeting on 2/27/16 and update will be provided after that time. Rural candidate is especially needed.
- C. Commission's 2016-2018 draft strategic plans: Sub-committees (Housing, Health, Education, Workforce Development, and Economic Development) to be prepared to discuss/finalize plan of actions using Commissioner Cole's drafted format (for discussion and possible action). C. Cole made suggestions of input needed from

sub-committees that have not submitted their Strategic Plan yet. Plans should measure performance by participating in community events, provide a matrix for those activities, performance objectives, goals.

- C. Siefert suggested combining Workforce Development and Economic Development into one sub-committee due to the limited number of commissioners available.
- Identify Resource Partners and what specific actions a sub-committee can take to work with them.
- Deputy Director Schaerer suggested working with B&I by meeting with Housing Division Administrator to learn about available programs.
- C. Siefert suggests bringing information to share with the Commission from community events members have attended.
- C. Cole reminded each sub-committee to define one area they wish to support, how, when and why. Add any data or statistics applicable.
- Each sub-committee to advise C. Cole of their action plan for 2016 by 3/14/16. Final draft of Strategic Plans are due for the March 21, 2016 meeting. Moved by C. Cole, seconded by C. Lee. Motion carried.

D. New Business.

- C. Chadha will send revised Housing report to C. Siefert answering questions brought up during meeting.
- Deputy Director Schaerer asked approximately how many community events take place where the NCMA has a member attending or representing: 6-8 since April 2015.
- Ombudsman Hickerson advised C. Siefert to meet/speak with Assemblywoman Bustamante concerning Evan Louie and his inclusion in the NCMA reports.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Evans; President Urban Chamber of Commerce; pledge to support NCMA in relation to community and town hall events. Suggestion of partnering with Glen Center for Policy Development, as the Urban Chamber has, to assist with policy development and legislative agenda.

Consumer Protection Week is March 6-12. Various community events ongoing, see B&I website for more details.

C.Cole attended NERC meeting and forwarded info to C.Siefert.

Next meeting will be March 21, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Action to adjourn meeting at 10:55 AM. Moved by C.Lee, seconded by C. Cole. Motion carried.